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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNDER SECY SISCO AND ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY

REF: PINKNEY-AMB IRVING TELECONS AND REYKJAVIK 1435

1. PRIMEMIN AND FORMIN APPROVE PERIOD DEC 8-11
FOR VISIT AND EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE THAT VISIT WILL
STILL TAKE PLACE DESPITE CHANGE OF DATES. AS EXPRESSED IN
REFTEL PRIMEMIN FEELS MUCH CAN BE GAINED FROM VISIT. HE
IS WILLING TO TAKE COURAGEOUS STEPS IN FIELD OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS (SUCH AS DEMONSTRATED IN ICELANDIC REPLY TO
CARAMANLIS LETTER) BUT NEEDS BRIEFINGS, ETC., AND USG
SUPPORT.

2. WHEN PRESIDENT OF ICELAND WAS ADVISED OF NEW DATES
HE OFFERED AND I ACCEPTED TO CHANGE MY DINNER HIS
HONOR IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE NEW SCHEDULE. PRESIDENT
ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING UNDERSEC SISCO AND
ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY.

3. FOLLOWING IS ROUGH PLAN, EXCEPT FOR THE TWO DINNERS,
WHICH ARE FIRM. ALL EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE IN REYKJAVIK
WILL BE CIVILIAN DRESS. BOTH DINNERS WILL BE CIVILIAN
BLACK TIE:

(A) ARRIVAL ICELAND SUNDAY DEC 8.

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(B) MONDAY MORNING DEC 9 UNDERSEC SISCO AND ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY ESCORTED BY AMBASSADOR IRVING AND ADMIRAL RICH MAKE COURTESY CALLS ON PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. EACH CALL 20-30 MINUTES DURATION.

(C) NOON LUNCHEON (STAG). SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES, SUCH AS WITH CABINET OR WITH PROMINENT POLITICIANS OR PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH PRIMEMIN AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

(D) MEETING IN AFTERNOON FOR TWO HOURS WITH THE 7 MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. ALSO PRESENT ON ICELAND'S SIDE WILL BE FONMIN AND MFA SEC GEN. VISITOR'S GROUP NORMALLY LIMITED TO TOTAL FIVE PARTICIPANTS, BUT MAY BE ABLE ACCOMMODATE A SIXTH. THUS USG SIDE WILL BE UNDERSEC, CNO, AMB, ADM. RICH, AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS DESIGNATED BY UNDERSEC AND CNO.

(E) BLACK TIE DINNER WITH SPOUSES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE 7:30 PM HOSTED BY FONMIN.

(F) TUESDAY DEC 10 MORNING AND AFTERNOON YET TO BE PROGRAMMED, BUT WILL INCLUDE VISIT, BRIEFINGS AND LUNCHEON AT IDF. LATE AFTERNOON ICELANDIC PRESS CONFERENCE (30 MINUTES) AND TAPED TELEVISION INTERVIEW (10 MINUTES). 7:30 PM BLACK TIE DINNER WITH SPOUSES AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. ELDJARN. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE 30 TOTAL ATTENDANCE, OF WHOM MORE THAN HALF THE NUMBER SHOULD BE ICELANDERS.

4. DEPART ICELAND WEDNESDAY, DEC 11. FONMIN DEPARTS SAME DAY FOR NATO MINISTERIAL.

5. EMBASSY PREPARING BRIEFING MATERIALS WHICH WILL BE AIRPOUCHED SOONEST.

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